Smoking and Parkinson's Disease

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In a case control study involving 383 patients with Parkinson's Disease a negative association with smoking was demonstrated. The relative risk of developing Parkinson's Disease was approximately halved in current smokers and a history of smoking up to 20 years earlier was shown to reduce the relative risk of developing the disease.

The negative association between Parkinson's Disease and smoking is independent of other associated factors.